

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT

PR & RD Department – Adverse seasonal conditions – Implementation of drought mitigation measures through NREGS – Guidelines – issued.

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PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (RD.II) DEPARTMENT

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ORDER:

State of Andhra Pradesh is facing adverse seasonal conditions with a deficit rainfall of 56% as on 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2009. Out of 1128 Mandals in the State, 573 Mandals (50.8%) received 'scanty' rainfall, 455 mandals (40.3%) received 'deficit' rainfall. 'Normal' and 'excess' rainfall is received in 100 mandals (8.9%).

2. Provision of wage employment is an important drought mitigation measure. Government have taken note of large number of labour demanding for wage employment in the villages across the State, on account of the prevailing drought situation. The number of wage seekers demanding for work is increasing manifold every day. It is found that the normal administrative machinery involved in the implementation of NREGS at the district level will not be adequate to the task. It is the endeavour of the Government to ensure that wage employment is provided to every household who demands for work. Government also is determined to ensure that the scheme is implemented in a most transparent way, without giving scope for leakage, duly focusing on quality of works being executed under NREGS. It is in this context, Government have decided to issue certain guidelines for effective implementation of NREGS as an important drought mitigation measure.

- (i.) The District Collector & District Programme Coordinators, NREGS are fully empowered to requisition the services of functionaries of departments such as Revenue Department, Minor Irrigation Department, Panchayat Raj Dept., PR Engineering Dept., and Agriculture Dept. for providing technical and supervision support in the implementation of NREGS.
- (ii.) The District Collectors shall assign 1 or 2 Assistant Engineers for each Mandal from out of the pool of Engineers requisitioned for assisting the Mandal Parishad in identification of works, technical approval of the estimates, measurement and check measurement of the works.
- (iii.) The District Collectors shall put in place an effective Muster Verification system under the over all guidance and supervision of the Revenue Divisional Officers and Mandal Revenue Officers. The RDOs shall deploy Government functionaries such as Village Revenue Officers, Gram Panchayat Secretaries, Sub Assistants of Agriculture Department, Revenue Inspectors, EO RDs, APMs and Community Coordinators of IKP and designate them as Muster Verification Officers. Each of the Muster Verification Officer shall be assigned 2 to 3 Panchayats and mandated to inspect every work site twice in a week, verify the Muster Roll, and certify the correctness of the Muster Roll maintained by affixing a stamp and signature. The Muster Verification Officers shall also visit Branch Post Offices in the villages and personally supervise the distribution of wages to the wage seekers through Postal Saving Bank Accounts. The Mandal Revenue Officers shall visit the villages regularly, take up verification of muster rolls and supervise payment of wages at the branch post offices. The MROs shall also supervise the work of the Muster Roll verification officers.

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- (iv.) All the Officers involved in implementation of NREGS particularly MDOs and MROs shall stay at the Mandal Headquarters and regularly undertake the visits to the villages and address people's problems.
- (v.) The District Collector shall designate a district level officer as Special Officer Drought relief for each Mandal to oversee drought mitigation measures in general and NREGS in particular.
- (vi.) Control rooms shall be established at the district headquarters to closely monitor the implementation of NREGS in all the mandals. The district level control room shall submit daily situation report to the state level control room on the implementation of NREGS.

The District Collectors should closely monitor the labour demand from all the habitations and take all the necessary steps to effectively respond to the labour demand and implement NREGS in a most transparent manner fulfilling the rights and entitlements of the wage seekers guaranteed to them under National Rural Employment Guarantee Act.

3. This GO is available on the Internet and can be accessed at the address <http://www.rd.ap.gov.in> and <http://goir.ap.gov.in/>.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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